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JAPAN BEGINS THE WAR AND CAUSES RUSSIAN LOSS

Three Ships Damaged by Torpedo Boats at Port Arthur During Engagement.

United States Decides to Send Fleet to China to Protect American Interests There.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9-An official dispatch received here says that * outer roads at Port Arthur and that three Russian ships were dam-

St. Petersburg, Feb, 9 .- Admiral Alexicff's official report of the atst. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—Admiral Alexien's official report of the attack by the Japanese is as follows:
"I most respectfully inform Your Majesty that at or about midnight of Feb. 8-9, Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arhtur, in which the battleships Retyizian and Cesarevitch and the cruiser Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for Your Majesty."

Port Arthur, Feb. 9.—Japanese torpedo boats attacked the Russian fleet here during the night and three of the Russian ships were badly damaged. The Japanese who thus secred the first success of the war,

London, Feb. 2.—In a dispatch from Tokio a correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Jiji Shimpo has received a telegram from Fusan, Korea, declaring that the firing of guns was heard to the east of Koje island (about twenty-five miles southwest of Fusan) at 8 o'clock Satur-

London, Feb. 8.—The rumor that some Russian merchant ships have ben captured by Japanese warships has reached the Japanese legation bere. The report is discredited at the legation and it lacks confirma-

London, Feb. 9.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail ca-bles that six Japanese transports are landing troops at various ports in Korea, from Masampho and Fusan, on the south of Kunzan, Mokpho and Seoul is to be occupied and the landing is being covered by torpedo division. The main body of the Japanese fleet, the correspondent concludes, will sail in the direction of Port Arthur.

London, Feb. 9.—In a dispatch from Nagasaki dated Monday, Feb. 8, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:

"It is assured that the Russian fleet will fight. The Russians long ago decided upon war, and their delay was due to lack of preparation and uncertainty whether certain powers would intervene or not."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Tentative of all nations with the natives of those orders have been prepared send-countries. orders have been prepared sendwherever they may be menaced in the interests so far as the principle of arwar-stricken district. The orders were ticle 1 is infringed.

pan, which will be sounded in advance ernment.

forthwith, in view of the restraining with eastern China and the Shanghai-instructions they contained for Rearadmiral Evans, commanding the Asia-tic fleet, to observe strict neutrality in all his movements. Secretary Moody, however, is not willing that this coun-

Raleigh and Cincinnati. In case the squadron goes northward it is fully expected here that Rear-Admiral Evans will transfer his flag to the Albany and assume command of the squadron, remaining in the far east after his regular tour of duty has expired, to observe the war.

Orders were issued today for Lieut. Newton A. McCaully, now on the Dolphin, to relieve Lieut. Commander Charles S. Marsh as naval attache at Tokio, Lieut, Commander Charles S. Marsh and Lieut, Irvine V. Gillis, who has been detached from the Kentucky, and is now on his way to Tokio, are under orders to follow the Japanese navaid operations as best they can. It is not expected they will be taken aboard the Japanese ships permanently.

Japanese ships permanently.

That Japan has fully determined on war is evident from a cablegram re-ceived at the navy department today to establish a neutral zone in Korean The seizure of Seoul, the general

STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE JAPANESE

Tokio, Feb. 9.-The following is the

the Japanese government finds it im-possible to view with indifference any interests. These reasons decided Japan action endangering the position of Ko- to absolutely reject the Russian proporea, whereas Russia, notwithstanding sal. The Japanese government exher solemn treaty with China and her plained the above views and at the repeated assurances to the powers, not same time introduced other necessary only continues her occupation of Man-amendments in the Rusian counter-prochuria, but has taken aggressive meas- posal, wres in Korean territory. Should
Manchuria be annexed to Russia, the independence of Korea would naturally a neutral zone that if one was to be crebe impossible. The Japanese government, therefore, being desirous of securing permanent peace for eastern Asia by means of direct negotiations with Russia with a view of arriving at with Russia with a view of arriving at the respect of their mutual discussions at Tokio, the Japanese government finally presented the Russian Congress entering the respect of the resp erests in both Manchuria and Korea go cated towards the end of July last such desire to the Russian government and vited its adherence. To this the Russian government expressed a will-

Washington, Feb. 8 .- The state de-

are to be posted respectively at Muk-den, Antung and Dalny, This is re-

gardiess of the impending outbreak o

reason to apprehend that actual hos-

tilities will be allowed to prevent a consul of a friendly nation from going

to his post.

Mr. Fowler, who has been in this

to grant a renewal of the liquor license

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CYCLONE IN ARKANSAS.

The Dead.

All the buildings in Union were blown

Rev. Soden, Baptist minister.

Miss Clinton.

ing the cruiser squadron of the Japan's preponderating interests in Korea and that Russia has special inbay, in the vicinity of Port Arthur, to terests in railway enterprises in Manbay, in the vicinity of Port Arthur, to observe the Japanese and Russian natural operations, and they are to be at hand to protect American interests the protection of the respective rights of Japan and Russia, take measures necessary for the protection of their above mentioned

submitted to the president for final revision, but will not be sent unless they are agreeable to Russia and Ja-

"Fifth-The engagement on the part the nearest great neutral port to the When the orders were prepared today it was expected they would be sent forthwith, in view of the restraining with eastern China and the Changle

try shall give ground even for suspicion Russian authorities, so as to facilitate ish war. however, is not willing that this cook try shall give ground even for suspicion either by Russia or Japan, and it has therefore been decided that these governments shall be asked if the dispatch of the cruiser squadron to northern of the cruiser cided to conduct the negotiations The cruiser squadron consists of the Albany, flagship, the New Orleans, Raleigh and Cincinnati. In case the squadron goes northward it is fully ex-

low her to use any portion of Korean territory for strategical purposes. In territory north of the 'hirty-ninth par-allel. The Japanese government utter-

Furthermore, this refusal of the Russian government impressed the Jap-anese government all the more with the necessity of the insertion of a clause Japanese government, setting forth its position:

Section 1—It being indispensable to the welfare and safety of Japan to maintain the independence and territorial integrity of Korea and to safe-guard her paramount interests therein, as being entirely outside her spiker of the statement issued by the same and position:

All the buildings in Union were blown to the firemen, maddened by the smooth down except a store, which was moved from its foundation. The path of the formation was 300 yards wide.

DUBOIS ON THE WARPATH.

(Special to The Herald.)

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ernment finally presented the Russian government their definitive amendment on the 30th of October. The Japanese government then frequently urged the Russian government for a reply, which by Russia suppressed clauses relating to August the Japanese government proposed to Russia, through its representative at St. Petersburg, the basis of an agreement, which was substantially as follows:

Japan's Proposals.

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End of the Suit for Criminal Libel Brought Against the Lawyer Who Defended Carbon County Coal Miners.

ATTORNEY EDLER DISCHARGED

the event of hostilities is expected to be a point of the greatest importance for the collection of news and rendezvous of merchant shipping, being the nearest great neutral port to the

taches on either the Russian or Japan- the numerous prisoners from the coal tomorrow. and in refusing Russia and Japan

Attorney Livingston dismissed the criminal is among the largest ever charge for lack of sufficient evidence known in the county.

was consumed in the arraignment of rioting and inciting a riot, will plead

ess fleets. It is believed that consent camps, charged with various offenses could not be had from either party, during the strike of the miners.

Considerable speculation is being induced in as to the reasons of Judge could not be had from either party, during the strike of the miners. In the case of A. B. Edler, charged charge to those composing it will be would be simply following the example with criminal libel, and who was delivered tomorrow, it is expected. set by the United States in the Span-thrown into jail at Scofield, District; The civil calendar is light, but the ver Argued and Submitted.

GENERAL FOR INFORMATION

Three Persons Killed and Great Damsouthwest of here, three persons were from

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Dubbis to-day introduced a resolution directing the secretary of the interior to sell at public sale lands included in the Fort Sher-man abandoned military reservation. Ef-forts of the Idaho delegation in con-gress to have these lands sold have been checked for several years by Washing-ton senators introducing bills to estab-lish a soldiers' home on this reserva-tion. NORMAN WILLIAMS

Winnipeg, Feb, 8.—The worst storm that the consent of Colombia, because it has been experienced in Manitoba in contract entered into with Colombia. CONGRESS ENTERTAINED Washington, Feb. 8.—The Utah delegation in congress was entertained at a dinner last night given by Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones. Those who were present were: Senator and Mrs. Kearns, Senator Smoot, Miss Van Cott, Representative Howell, Louis J. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. T. Yssowski and Colonel W. H. Avery.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The fol-

STEAMER DESTROYED

BY FIRE IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 8.—Fire today destroyed the Joy line steamer Tremont at her docks in Catherine slip. One of the crew is missing. The cargo is a total loss. The Tremont was practically a new side-wheel vessel and arrived if fire from the upper deck, two lions, part of a traveling show, broke loose and started up the companionway. They were driven back with a stream of the water but reappeared and nushed at the firemen, waddened by the smoke.

MISSOURI BOODLE

CASES CALLED UP

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8.—In the circuit scourt today the cases of Charles F. Kelly, Charles J. Denny, Charles F. Kelly, Charles J. Denny, Charles A. Gutke and Edmund Bersch, jointly indicated for bribery in connection with the passage of the city lighting bill in the house of delegates in 1899, were called. The four men are charged with paying the mile and an interest of the state.

The case was given to the jury tonight at midnight no verdict had been reached.

WORKED MILWAUKEE.

Arthur S. Spencer Was Not Overlooking Anything.

Milwaukee, Feb. 8.—Arthur S. Spencer, who was arrested in Pittsburg on the charge of trying to sell Chinamen false registration certificates, was in Milwaukee on January 20 and made the fire from the upper deck, two lions, part of a traveling show, broke loose and started up the companionneys.

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Arthur S. Spencer Was Not Overlooke the flower stock purple to the file and midnight no verdict had at midnight ly failed to see why Gussia, who professed no intention of absorbing Manchuria, should be disinclined to insert in the convention a clause in complete harmony with her own repeatedly declared principle respecting the source.

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Kelly it was decided to postpone the case until some time in April.

COLOMBIA'S "RIGHTS" General Reyes Explains His Mission

to Paris. New York, Feb. 8.-General Reyes, the newly elected president of Colom-

contract entered into with Colombia

mia, will sail tomorrow for Paris on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Genral Reyes said tonight: "I feel it my duty to be present Parls when the question of the sale of the rights of the Panama canal company to the United States comes beore the proper French tribunal. me the matter is very clear. The Pan-ama. Canal company cannot transfer its rights to the United States without

canno automatically transfer itself to Panama province. That province can-not substitute itself for Colombia."

CASES NOLLED.

ONLY RUINS REMAIN OF MAGNIFICENT BLOCKS

Baltimore Devastated by One of the Worst Fires in the Country's History.

Firemen Still Fighting Fitful Flames in the Burnt District, Loss Is About \$100.000,000.

ALTIMORE. Md. Feb. 8.—The and there was a succession of cheering story that the fire had sions with the bursting out of the city, and the crowds that all day and threw great black clouds had surged over the tightly drawn fire lines, decided to return homeward. Un-huge piles of masonry and the ess the wind, which now blows briskly with which the fire com danger. But the thred firemen are taking no chances. All over the burned of the North Central road is located district they are tonight fighting the the flames fed all day on the inflafierce flames that still live in large piles | mable trimmings of the however, for they have nothing to feed upon outside their present limits.

Outside their present limits.

Outside their present limits.

Outside their present limits.

Outside their present limits. During the afternoon the wall of tact.

Firemen's Last Stand.

Complete Devastation.

Only Walls Remain.

remnants of one wall are left at wha

are ruined, the corrices on the som side are said to be ruined and the ma

IN THE JURY'S HANDS.

ver Argued and Submitted. The burned area is a scene of com-plete devastation. Numberless build-

because they were unable to produce certificates showing they were entitled to reside in the United States. Some of the Chinamer affects. of the Chinamen after a few days suc ceeded in producing the necessary papers and they were released. Some of the cases are still pending before pental Trust company building. The cases are still pending before pental trust company building. a United States commissioner.

EMPERER WILL DINE

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Emperor William has sent word to Ambassador Tower that he will dine with him on Thursday evening. The emperor dined with the ambassador at Kiel, but this is the Along South Gay street there is the same picture of destruction. A broker sign and a tottering front wall show where the Maryland W. C. T. U. building once stood. Adjoining this was the building occupied by the Iron Ship company. The German consulate or this square is also in ruins. The costly United States custom house, in course of construction, and occupying the triangular block between Lombard and ned at a United States embassy or le-gation, and indicates the especially cordial relations existing between the em-

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—Vice President Dwyer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who came here to direct the local strike of carriage drivers, was ordered from the city today by the po-

ORDERED TO LEAVE CITY.

from the northwest, should change, it that section. The electric wires are

Only Ruins Remain. The large buildings of the Miller Fer

As the day wore on the forefront of the fire neared Jones Falls, a small stream that trends north and south and separates Baltimore from that portion that these places ever existed, save for the T. J. Myers large five-story pack-ing plant and the W. W. Boyer pack

Every street that led to the fire area

The Commercial building, a six-store

city, at the corner of Gay and Fay The city was under the strictest mill- ette streets, on the border of the fire

The city was under the strictest military control. All around the burned area was stretched a cordon of soldiers, who held up all comers at the point of the bayonet. Police brought from the neighboring cities patrolled the district and at the limits of the fire zone paced armed sentries. In the early hours of the morning the army of fire fighters coped against overwhelming odds and the morning the army of fire fighters coped against overwhelming odds and when day broke the flames were raging along the wharves and focussed about the great power house of the United Pailways company, which furnishes power for all the street railways of the city. Then the flames are their way of the city. Then the flames are their way another five-story building: the whole-Then the flames ate their way another five-story building; the whole city. Then the flames are their way another five-story building; the whole-with undiminished force southward, sale liquor establishment of Broadbeck following the lines of Jones Falls and & Co., at Water and Gay streets, and were finally checked near the water's other similar establishments on Gay street were destroyed. The wholesoutheast section of the city. There the flames continued through tonight, but & Suter company, at Lombard and only in spots and with diminishing Frederick streets, embracing three erick, each of them a four-story struc ture, went next. The inflammable character of the contents of these ings that were the pride of Baltimore were destroyed, only smoldering debris or walls or remnants of walls remain-Buildings sprang into living flames before fire iouched them, and brick and stone and mortar crumbled like chalk. A complete list of the buildings destroyed and the firms burned out be a business directory of the burned

area, Work of the Firemen.

All of the out of town fire componies, because of the utter exhaustion of the local men, were given a free hand during the morning and early adelphia, Wilmington, Washington and small towns within a radius of fifty miles of Baltimore. Their duty was to check the flames in their onward march southward. This was a rather difficult task, as both sides of Jones' Falls are lined with lumber yards and old buildings, which proved to be tinder boxes. At every street the stream is spanned by a small bridge and on each bridge two and times three engines were standing, taking water from the creek.

seven of their steamers were back Smoldering Piles.

The burned district, comprising 140 acres of a roughly drawn right angle

mington and surrounding towns as far away as Philadelphia.

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